



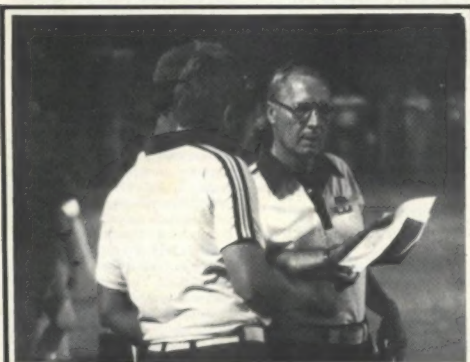
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The Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association is threatening to force MBA and other private schools out of the organization.

## MBA vs TSSAA

By John Edwards

Travis Jackson and Michael Inman and two St. Andrews and Sewanee Academy students are suing the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) for the right to participate in TSSAA sports. Mr. Walker is the attorney representing the plaintiffs. The case is scheduled to be heard in December of 1983 or January of 1984 by Judge Tom Wiseman, but the case may never reach the courts because of recent murmurs of change in the TSSAA policy on scholarships.

The case was filed because at the end of the 1983 school year the TSSAA passed a rule banning private school students on scholar-

ship from participating in TSSAA athletics. The big push for this rule came from the single "A" and double "A" West Tennessee schools who felt private schools were dominating TSSAA sports. The TSSAA supported the West Tennessee schools and passed the "no athletic scholarships" rule, saying that since the initiation of the classification system in the TSSAA, private schools have won 45% of the state championships while making up only 17% of the membership of the TSSAA.

Previously, the TSSAA had a regulation known as the "10/10 Rule" limiting the number of students that could participate in TSSAA athletics from each school. The rule allowed ten students on scholarships to participate in major sports and ten students on scholarships to participate in minor sports. If a student receiving aid was involved in a major and a minor sport, he counted against both totals. The rule seemed to work effectively, and most schools abided by the rule. Then the rule change occurred.

Plaintiffs Inman and Jackson plan to argue a number of points in order to prove the unfairness of the TSSAA ruling. The TSSAA implied that the private schools were dominating Tennessee athletics because they were getting superior

athletes with their scholarships. However, only 6% of the schools in the TSSAA are technically aid granting. Furthermore, as Mr. Drake said, the TSSAA does not take into account the role which scholarship athletes played in the championships won by private schools. MBA has won three golf state championships and none of the golfers on any of those teams were on scholarships. Harpeth Hall has won 9 state titles and only two girls on scholarships were a part of any of those winning teams. Both girls were members of only one state champion team at Harpeth Hall. The failure to take into account the role scholarship athletes played in the state championships won by private schools is one flaw in the TSSAA's decision.

A second flaw lies in the TSSAA's definition of aid granting. MBA cannot give a tuition reduction to any of its athletes who need financial aid, but a church-affiliated school can reduce its tuition for its athletes who are of a certain religion.

Every athlete in the school can receive this reduction if he or she is a member of the proper religious faith.

Despite these problems, the TSSAA carries a strong case to court. Through the changes, the

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## Honor Council Plans Revisions

By David Chickey

The MBA Honor Council Constitution needs to be revised. In fact, rewriting the constitution has become an issue that can no longer be avoided. The Honor System was started in 1945 for the purpose of discouraging lying, cheating and stealing among the members of the student body. Today, this idea still stands as the backbone for the Honor Council and its actions. Unfortunately, the document called the "Constitution of the MBA Honor System" that acts as an outline and guide for the Council's actions is very outdated. It is so outdated, in fact, that many of the articles outlined in the document are no longer used. The general one page Constitution gives the present Honor Council only a small basis on which they can build.

**Rewriting the Constitution has become an issue that can no longer be avoided.**

One of the most obvious conflicts between present actions and the details of the Constitution is the election process for members. The constitution states that members "... are to be elected at the end of the first month of the school year ...". It goes on to say that these members will then serve the rest of that year and the first month of the following year. This method of electing members, as most students know, is no longer used. Senior, Junior, and Sophomore members are elected at the end of each year and then serve the entire following year. The eighth grade and freshmen representatives are elected at the beginning of the year and serve only that year. The election plan outlined in the Constitu-

tion presents many complications that are solved by the system used today. Nevertheless a detailed election process, whether it be the present one or a revised process, needs to be included in the Constitution.

Aside from the election process, many problems arise about details of procedure and punishment that are either not outlined in the document or are no longer used by the Council. Suppose a student was brought before the Council under

the procedure outlined in the Constitution. The student would first be questioned by the Council about the offense. Mr. Bondurant, as Headmaster, would meet with the Council and act as an advisor. He would not have a vote but would help run the meeting. After the student had been questioned, the Council would discuss the situation and decide if he were guilty or innocent. If he were found guilty, ac-

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## MBA Homecoming Tradition Continues

By Steve Superstein

On October 14, 1983, Homecoming was kicked off by the annual Spaghetti Supper. For three weeks before the festive event, the whole student body cooperated with the Mother's Auxiliary by selling supper and raffle tickets. To give out the prizes to the first week's top sellers, the famed Richard Simmons came to MBA. He entertained us with his health tips and with the giving out of the first week's prizes. For the second week's prizes, Mr. T was supposed to be the celebrity, but he had other commitments. He sent his little brother E.T. to the Hill to take his place. E.T. became a little impatient, but everyone enjoyed his presence. No celebrity showed up to give out prizes for the third week; some more-than-welcomed MBA fans were delighted to do the job. Overall, Jay Brothers was the top seller. He sold over \$700 of tickets. Second was Bobby Crants, who sold \$466. Selling \$331 of tickets was Chip Fridrich in third. With the usual Friday afternoon rush of turning in tickets (and in some cases selling) all the classes earned the holiday on the following Monday.

When 5:00 finally rolled around, the supper was underway. The Ladies' Auxiliary thoroughly enjoyed serving that famed MBA spaghetti, salad, bread, and a variety of desserts. Even the freshman waitresses loved getting drinks for the guys and for all who attended. MBA raised a total of over \$28,000. We will sorely miss Mrs. O'Neal's efforts after so many years of leading the supper drive.

After the supper, many people went to see the Big Red take on Antioch in the yearly homecoming game. The first half was a good, close defensive struggle. Both teams scored a touchdown, and the score was 7-7 at the half. There were many halftime festivities. First, everyone was excited to see the presentation of the homecoming court: Bunny Stein, queen; Amanda Oldham and Diane Corwin, senior attendants; Sheila Morris and Kelley Sanders, junior attendants; Joan Fox, sophomore attendant; and Wendy Bryan, freshman attendant. The presentations ended with the traditional kissing of the queen by the Freshman Class president Will Meyer. Then the raffle tickets were drawn from the famed barrel. The grand prize winner, Nancy Szydio,

was extremely joyful to receive her new Subaru, donated by Jim Reed. While some people were joyful because they won something and while others were sulking because they lost, most were getting set for the exciting second half. It was another defensive struggle. The team fought hard, but came up on the short end of a 21-15 score, even though some fans yelled their throats raw. The evening was dampened by the loss, but it was in no way ruined for anyone.

The next night at the dance,

everyone was anxious to dance to the music of The Crime, a very popular band out of Memphis. They played excessively loud rock 'n' roll, which was enjoyed by all. All participants danced themselves silly. There were many different poses for pictures, some serious and some not so serious, but it was all in good fun. The cookies and drinks helped refresh us all when we weren't dancing. The Big Red Club definitely put on a superb dance this year. The entire weekend was thrilling and extremely successful.



Young and old enjoy the MBA Spaghetti Supper.



## Another Time Another Place

### School Calendar

By H. P.

MAIS Recess	Fri., Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Holidays	Wed., Thurs., Fri. Nov. 23, 24, 25
Christmas Holidays	Fri., Dec. 16- one-half-day
Classes begin	Tues., Jan. 3
*First Semester Examinations	Jan. 13-20
Semester End Recess	Mon., Jan. 23
Second Semester Begins	Tues., Jan. 24

### Basketball Schedule

Nov. 25	Fri.	Sullivan North	at	MBA	8:00
Nov. 29	Tues.	Franklin Road	at	MBA	8:00
Dec. 2	Fri.	Ryan	at	Ryan	8:00
Dec. 6	Tues.	BGA	at	MBA	8:00
Dec. 9	Fri.	Overton	at	MBA	8:00
Dec. 16	Fri.	Hillsboro	at	Hillsboro	8:00

## Student Congress: An Irregular Event

By John-Lindell Pfeffer

Student Congress is a somewhat irregular event that usually occurs in the capital or the legislative plaza. Here students from all over the state meet and discuss different controversial bills in what amounts to a simulation of congressional procedure.

In a given day of congress, the students will meet in the morning and break up into committees to write the bills that will be discussed at the next session. After committees, a Presiding Officer is elected who then mediates the day's proceedings. At this point the group begins debate on several bills. The floor is open to anyone who wishes to speak. The speeches alternate between affirmative and negative until someone moves for a previous question which calls the quorum to vote. After the bill has been voted on, the Presiding Officer registers the votes and announces them, and debate starts on another bill. All the speeches are judged, and the best orators are nominated for

"Best Speaker." After a vote to determine the award, the combined houses meet in a room and the various trophies are presented.

At the last Student Congress, two participants discussed several issues including abortion, statewide gambling, euthanasia, computer education, and Central America. At the next meeting we will discuss locker searches, contraceptives, prostitution, AIDS, Central America, and the MX missile.

At the last meeting MBA did very well. In the Senate, Tony Rafalowski recorded a score of 12 out of 12 and John-Lindell Pfeffer recorded a 12+. In the House of Representatives, Jim Gardner got a score of 5, Scott Bennett got a score of 12+, and John Pamplin scored 12+. Scott Bennett and John Pamplin were nominated and John won "Best Speaker in the House." If you are interested in being a part of this activity, ask Mr. Tate, the speech teacher, about it.

## ...Honor Council

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According to the Constitution, the Council would recommend a punishment to the faculty. The possible punishments taken from the Constitution are "... a reprimand, a letter home to the parents, a public announcement to the student body of the guilt of the accused, suspension, expulsion or any other punishment deemed suitable by the Honor Council." The punishment would become more drastic and involve the more serious punishments if the offense were not the student's first case (i.e., it was the student's second or third time before the Council).

In the present system the student would be questioned in the same manner. In most cases any other students or teachers involved in the case would also be questioned. The Headmaster, however, would not attend the meeting. The meeting would be run entirely by the members themselves. The Council

would then make a decision based on the interviews and the evidence presented. If the student were found to be guilty, the punishment would consist of either a warning, probation, a one, two, or three-day suspension or expulsion. In all cases a letter would be sent home to the parents.

The most controversial issue to confront the Honor Council in some years is the idea of deception. The Constitution, although it includes the ideas of lying, cheating, and stealing does not mention attempts to deceive. Whether this offense falls under the jurisdiction of the Honor Council or not is hotly debated. At this time, the Honor Council considers deception an offense for the sake of confusion, but again this needs to be clarified and included in the Constitution.

The decision to rewrite the Constitution is a large undertaking. Not only does it involve a lot of discussion and controversy, but it

## A Look at the MBA Curriculum

By Bryan Hassel

Certainly one of the most important aspects of a school is the curriculum which it offers to its students. The courses of study available at a school define the scope and direction which the school wants to take. At MBA, our curriculum is continually praised as one of the most effective around. For this reason, *The Bell Ringer* decided to talk to Mr. Bondurant about MBA's general framework: what it is, what it is not, and what it might be in coming years.

According to the Headmaster, MBA has a "traditional and classical curriculum with emphasis on the development of skills in specific areas and thought processes in others." Traditional means fundamental in nature; classical means stressing Latin and word development.

The rationale behind having such a curriculum is mainly one of preparing students most adequately for college work. The basic core offered at MBA "prepares the students for the kind of liberal arts and technical schools that our students attend." The school's philosophy is that a stress on grammar, math, and writing is the best preparation for college work.

Mr. Bondurant stressed the degree of emphasis which colleges place on the actual courses taken by a prospective student. Admissions offices use a process called "red-lining"—they go through a student's transcript and cross out all "trash" courses. Only the core courses are considered in application decisions. In the more selective colleges, Mr. Bondurant said, the admissions departments focus not only on grades, but also on the kinds of courses, the level of course work, and the school which the student attended.

With college curricula in mind, *The Bell Ringer* asked Mr. Bondurant about electives such as philosophy, psychology, and economics. Since these courses are offered in college and might even be the career choices of MBA students, why doesn't MBA offer such areas of study? Lack of student interest is one reason. Last year, MBA was going to offer a

philosophy course to seniors, but the response was so low that the idea was put on the shelf. Another factor which precludes offering electives like philosophy is the time factor. Mr. Bondurant pointed out that "Something must be sacrificed or students must take on a greater course load in order to take these electives." English, math, languages and history cannot be passed up to make room for electives, and most students neither want nor need a six-course load.

The Headmaster felt that students would have ample opportunity to pursue their elective interests in college, when more room would be available. Until then, MBA's goal is "to make sure the

belief that computers would play a more extensive role in the MBA curriculum in the future. "Every student ought to be exposed to computer literacy," he said, pointing out that every student needs a frame of reference to deal with computers. Students should not be afraid of computers as they should know what a computer can do. In the near future, the Headmaster speculated, a basic computer course would be required of MBA for all students.

Even closer to the present will be expansion in MBA's computer facilities. The Board of Trustees "committed to a greater computer presence" and has endorsed a program to provide computer experience to everyone. One way to provide such experience would be through a computer lab for students who are not actually in computer class during one of the free periods. There are no commitments so far, but one possibility to combine B1 and B2 to create room which would house both lab and a classroom.

In terms of expanding the use of computers to areas outside actual computer courses, Mr. Bondurant saw expansion in the areas of science and Latin primarily. Mr. Bondurant also said that the faculty was looking into the use of word processors in English thesis writing. On November 11, the English department took a workshop in service to learn more about the use of the computer writing.

As computers and other innovations are introduced as equipment of the MBA curriculum, Mr. Bondurant offered will become an interesting mix of the old and the new. The common denominator will always be the emphasis on a broad, college preparatory education.

### The basic core offered at MBA prepares the students for the kind of schools our students attend.

student can read and write for more esoteric courses." In other words, the MBA experience, while not offering the elective courses, helps the student be successful in such classes later in his education.

Certain electives, such as speech and computer, are "immeasurably valuable" in the Headmaster's view. Mr. Bondurant would also like to see a course in comparative religion offered. Another useful course would be a general humanities class designed to "bring together all the human experience."

Speaking specifically about computers, Mr. Bondurant expressed

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## Student Council Excites Students

**Buzz Frahn**

The 1983-84 Student Council is setting a precedent on the Hill—in the words of the immortal Jim Poston, "The Student Council is finally working like one should." This great achievement comes through the persistence, perseverance, and preparation of Parish "Jerry Aldini" Lentz who has forced the members to meet every Tuesday night.

The three p's have paid large dividends in the area of student appreciation and participation. The post-Hillwood bash was a huge success, with everybody rocking along to the strains of "YMCA." No official winner was declared, except for the football team.

After the dance fever had passed ("Dave, just when are you taking those 'things' back to McDonald's?"), it was time to press on through the joint meeting with Harpeth Hall. Several members expressed their sincere sorrows at the lack of feminine leadership here on the Hill.

The first divided class meetings were held on September 28, and judging from the response of the students involved and the faculty sponsors, these divisions were a great idea. However, one still had to contend with the complaint of many, "Why do we have class meetings? We don't ever do

anything." The divided class meetings are a good idea when there is a topic to be discussed, but for the majority of the time, just plain old announcements suffice.

The main thrust of the Student Council since the last report has been, as always, concerned with the rights of the student. These rights included, so some thought, the inherent and God-given

**"The Student Council  
is finally working  
like one should."**

**—Mr. Poston**

privilege from birth of going to the library. Recently instituted was a new rule stating that if a student fails for the 3 weeks or 6 weeks, he must remain in study hall unless he has a pre-signed note. The Student Council proposal to allow all to go the library was crushed at a meeting of the department heads. They found the rule helpful in making students study. Another large concern on the minds of the members was the impotency of the Headmaster's list (more on this in upcoming issues).

To answer the question, "What

do you guys do on Tuesday nights anyway?" the Student Council has decided to hold open meetings on Tuesday. Perhaps a large audience would be found at the Belle Meade Motel . . . The ice-breaker was Steve Stroman, who clearly enjoyed the antics while helping Robby Bueno with his algebra. "Fast what do you . . . ?"

Penultimately, the outreach faction of the Council participated in a cleanup at Vine Street, feeling particularly indebted because of our parking privileges. Aside from several eager Student Council members, there was a good turnout from the students—3 or 4 anyway. A future project which has generated enthusiasm in the Council as well as class meetings is Tim Don's proposal for a soup kitchen. More in December.

Ultimately—fundraising. After making a rather large profit on the Hillwood dance, the Student Council has rather tabled or had tabled all other proposals (namely the Ryan dance.) However, the impetus still exists for a Junior/Senior football game. The Center for Domestic Violence, a very important charity, benefited from a student Council sponsored dad's day on November 10. The junior class continues its candy sales while serving on the rate of one break per week.

## YLYLYL - Younglife - YLYLYL

**By Bill Cochran**

Younglife? What's Younglife? Younglife is a nation-wide organization whose purpose is to make young people more comfortable in a Christian atmosphere. By familiarizing teenagers with the concept of Christianity, Younglife hopes to prevent them from feeling intimidated or uncomfortable around other Christians. Younglife ordinarily meets every night from 7:30 to 9:00 at someone's house.

The meetings consist of singing, humorous skits and short devotions.

Younglife has many activities outside the meetings themselves. One of the greatest pastimes of Younglife goes is kneeball. Kneeball is a game of football in which the guys, who are on their knees, play the girls, who can stand. Younglife also sponsors occasional retreats, collectively called "Younglife Weekends." Another more serious means of Christian

ministry to high school students is "Campaigners," which meets on Sunday afternoon.

Another feature of Younglife is out-of-town trips that are held from time to time. During the summer one can go to a Younglife-sponsored camp called "Windy Gap" in North Carolina. One of the highlights of the Younglife school year is the annual ski trip to Colorado during Christmas break, a trip that everyone looks forward to.



Arthur Jones presents junior attendant Kelley Sanders at MBA Homecoming festivities.

## Eye Openers

### HH presents *No, No, Nanette*

**By Jonathan Cole**

On November 17, 18, and 19 the Harpeth Hall playmakers presented the play, *No, No, Nanette*. The play takes place in Atlantic City during the roaring twenties. Two popular songs from the play are "Tea for Two" and "I Want To Be Happy." The cast included from MBA David Wood, Billy Early, Tim Don, Jimmy Smith, Rob Sommer, Hamilton Gayden, Michael Starr, Henry Frost, Billy Caruthers, Rob Ikard, David Farrar, and Jeffrey Frace.

### SCA puts on *Years Ago*

On the weekend of November 18-19, Paul Klapper and St. Cecilia put on *Years Ago*, a play about the life of Ruth Gordon, a famous actress. The play is set in Boston in 1913. Participating in the play was Don Fish.

### Works of Paul Harmon to be shown

Opening January 15 will be another art show put on by the Mother's Auxiliary and the MBA art department. This show will feature the works of Paul Harmon, who attended MBA. Harmon is one of the most well-known artists in Nashville, with an international reputation. Students, faculty, alumni, parents, and friends are invited.

### Harpeth Hall sponsors AFS dinner

**By Scott Garfinkel**

Once again, the girls at Harpeth Hall prepared international cuisine to raise money for the American Field Service, a program which provides foreign students a chance to go to school in another country. There were many countries represented. Most of the interest was directed toward the French, Mexican, Canadian, and Jamaican kitchens. This project was very well executed and will provide great experiences for many foreign students.

### Rifle team prepares for year

**By Jonathan Cole**

The MBA rifle team looks forward to another successful year. The team practices at the Vanderbilt riflery range every Wednesday night. Five men compete as a team against other schools by shooting at a target in four different positions: prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing. Returning starters from last year's team are seniors Bill Treanor and Mike Steck, and two juniors Rob Hendrick and Brad Mangrum. Returning this year to coach are two volunteers, Mr. Woolwine and Mr. Stevens. With the addition of new hopefuls and other returning members the team looks toward bettering last year's second place in the state.

## PBS Sponsors "Chemical People"

**By Scott Carey**

On Wednesday, November 2 and Wednesday, November 9, PBS-TV aired the two hour-long parts of the television production "Chemical People." Viewers across the country watched the informative program either in their homes or at "Town Meetings" held at various high schools. The Town Meetings were designed to bring interested community members together to form task forces for combatting drug and alcohol abuse among teenagers.

The main thrust of the first program was to make viewers aware that drug and alcohol abuse is a great problem. Statistical information presented by such celebrities as Nancy Reagan, Bill Bixby, Bruce Weitz, and Michael Landon was interestingly intermixed with short skits and interviews with a wide variety of people who had something to say about the problem. Students attested to the fact that drugs are readily available to those who want them. The harms of chemical abuse were also shown by the comments of teenage alcoholics and drug addicts as well as their parents.

The second segment of the series

dealt with the prevention, intervention, and the treatment of chemical abuse. The show stressed the importance of involving the whole community to solve the problem.

Through the school systems, treatment facilities and rehabilitation centers could be set up for those who are already deeply involved in drug or alcohol use. Programs could be implemented at the elementary school level to discourage the use of chemicals at a very young age. Finally, intervention plans could be set up. By making parents aware of the symptoms of drug abuse, they can intervene and communicate with their children before the problem becomes serious. Schools could also help in this effort by training

teachers in drug rehabilitation programs.

The strong point of Chemical People's nationwide appeal was the emphasis on the creation of task forces in each community to begin working on the problem of chemical misuse. In Nashville, every area public high school except Whites Creek held a Town Meeting to begin the process.

At Hillsboro, a lively discussion followed both programs. At the second part, about twenty high school students attended, providing a unique youth perspective. All those at Hillsboro were eager to begin work on specific problems aimed at decreasing drug abuse in the community. A task force was created which has already begun working on the problem.





# Review



Big Country at leisure.

## Big Country

By Jimmy O'Neil

Big Country, perhaps one of the best bands to come out of the U.K. this year, delivers an extraordinary twin-guitar sound which should make their debut album *The Crossing* a must-own item for the New Music lovers and above all for U-2 fans. Like the Irish group U-2, (with whom they share producer Lillywhite), Big Country has no use for synthesizers but instead employs a very unique guitar style unlike anything else on the market. The band's two lead guitarists, Stuart Adamson of Scotland and Bruce Watson of Wales, stir up bagpipe-like single-string licks that, on such tracks as the Top Ten U.K. hit "Fields of Fire," the U.S. smash "In A Big Country," and "Harvest Home," are nonstop delights.

Intertwined with the guitar lines is the rhythm section of bassist

Tony Butler and drummer Mark Brzezicki (both appeared on Pete Townsend's last two solo albums, and Butler played on the Pretender's "Back on the Chain-gang"). The group's vocal sounds with Adamson leading and the others supporting presents a human touch on the optimistic "In A Big Country," and the helplessness of a nuclear holocaust in "1000 Stars."

However, *The Crossing* is not without a few flaws such as the occasional lapse of the guitars into an emptiness at times and the alarm on "The Storm" which sounds like an ambulance charging down a street at 2 a.m. Also, some of the lyrics are so confusing and inscrutable that the listener's head begins to spin. Nevertheless the big sound of *Big Country* is truly unique and worthy of an eight dollar effort. Hearing them play with U-2 would be the ultimate concert.



## Classical

By Matt Dolloff

On September 30, Itzhak Perlman played Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. Unfortunately, I cannot say that his performance was as enchanting as I had anticipated. It appears that of late, Mr. Perlman has let spontaneity get the better part of discretion. The grand hallmark of his style is freedom, but freedom is no license for chaos. Nevertheless, he did have a remarkable presence on stage; and that the sell-out audience enjoyed the performance was made evident by a five minute standing ovation.

The Nashville Symphony, under the new conductorship of Kenneth Smermerhorn, is sounding better than ever. The season premier opened with Beethoven's delightful Egmont Overture, followed by Hugh Wolf's playing Grieg's majestic piano concerto in A minor. After intermission, the symphony's grand interpretation of Prokofiev's Fifth Symphony left the audience breathless. At the Perlman concert, the symphonic piece was Dvorak's Eighth Symphony. Again, the orchestration was very impressive. These symphonies were introduced by Mr. Smermerhorn in short, entertaining speeches with such witty remarks as "Some of my best friends are violists." Kenneth Smermerhorn has given the Nashville Symphony a new vitality, and I look forward to hearing more fine music from them.

# Concert TALKING HEADS

SAT., OCT. 15, 8 PM  
MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM



By Chris E. Kelley

"... Yeah, Jim Bob, those were the days—back when music was meant for dancin'! You could drive to an auditorium or a club, pay some money, and for a couple hours completely lose yourself in the music. You know, I reckon the best music concert that I ever saw back then must have been in October, oh, of 1983, when the Talking Heads played to an almost full Municipal Auditorium. You remember them, don't you? ... Anyhow, I'll never forget that concert."



played rock and roll. Really! But when they played songs like "Life During Wartime" and "Burning Down the House" my feet knew that this beat was rock and roll.

"Not only did the Talking Heads give us the rockin' Talking Heads, they also gave us the funk'n' Tom Tom Club. Surprise, Surprise! We couldn't get over it. Too bad the only song they played was "Genius of Love" but we forgave them when David Byrne came back on stage and joined the others (you see, the bassist and drummer of Talking Heads started Tom Tom Club) and they played "Girlfriend is Better"; we danced and danced and danced. Whoosh! Now that was *real* fun.

You know, I bet that if the Talking Heads were around today, their music would be completely meaningless. Back then there were



"I remember vividly when the show started that crazy fool David Byrne, walking on stage with his acoustic guitar and his disc blaster, playing "Psycho Killer" by himself on his guitar to the beat coming from the blaster. My gosh! I'd never seen anything like that before! Then, one by one, each member of the band joined Byrne to play a song until all eight or nine members of the group filled the stage. Oh! It was so well structured and so very well planned that I could hardly believe that the group



suburbs, policemen, television and computers. Society was built around a structured lifestyle. When the Talking Heads sang about middle-class life, natural religion, and girlfriends, one could really identify with their emotions. But their songs now have no context. It's too bad they never wrote a song called "Life After the Bomb."

## Tuesday Night Chicken Club



All-you-can-eat: chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans — \$4.25 at the Belle Meade Motel. "Good times, good food." Y'all come!





The Outing Club rests on the Appalachian Trail.

## The Outing Club Seeks Adventure

By Jeff McLaren, Scott Pearson, and John Tate

On September 19, the Outing Club left for its first adventure of the year. Those participating in the day trip met at 9:00 a.m. for a long drive to the cave in the Carter State Natural Area, south of Sewanee College. From the road there was a two-mile hike to the entrance of the cave. Lost Cove Cave (Buggy Top Cave) is one of the best caves in the mid-state area and promised to be an experience. The cave has three different openings, the most dramatic of which is a huge cavern opening into the side of a cliff.

Everyone ate lunch in the cavern opening and prepared to enter. A small river runs almost throughout the cave and several times the

spelunkers were forced to cling to the side to avoid falling in. The Outing Club explored many less-traveled passages that yielded the best sights to be seen.

Explorers Thompson, Tate, and McConnell took a risk by venturing into some of the slippery, muddy depths at the end of the cave, only to have to return from the slime to the rest of the party. By this time the lot was somewhat weary, so we left the cave. After a quick, classic pose for a photo, we bolted from the scene, with the Vanderbilt-Alabama game in anticipation.

Mr. Womack, who has been in the cave several times, said that this was a good trip; and all who went also share his enthusiasm. Those who made the trip were Eric McConnell, Bobby Reeves, John Thompson, Bruce Francis, Tray Owen, John Tate, Tommy Scales, Billy Carruthers, Bruce Burgess, Scott Pearson, John Albright, Mr. Womack, and Jeff McLaren.

On the afternoon of Friday, October 7, a rugged group of hikers, consisting of Ross Ballenger, Andrew Stuart, Eric McConnell, Bruce Francis, Jeff McLaren, Alex Davis, Glenn Dukes, Scott Pearson, Paul Lentz, Jody Davis, and our own rock-ribbed leader Mr. Womack, set out for a week-end of hiking on the Appalachian Trail. The six-hour trip to Weaverville, North Carolina, was occasioned only by the farewells gestures directed at us by a bus-load of

the mountains north of the Smokies. The twists and the turns of the road aided the digestion (and indigestion) of the fast-food feast. By 10:00 we arrived at the home of Mr. Womack's sister, where we spread our sleeping bags and slept.

The next morning, the hikers, undaunted by the prospect of hiking a grueling fifteen miles in one day, enjoyed a crab-apple fight at Devil's Fork Gap (which pitted Bruce and Eric against the rest of the group) while we waited for Mr. Womack to return from delivering the van at the trail end. After such an auspicious beginning, the hikers enjoyed a surprisingly easy twelve miles until fatigue and pain set in, relieved only by a stop at an overlook providing a stunning view of the surrounding countryside, including Big Bald, which the Outing Club conquered last year. Finally, after what seemed to be the longest three miles any of us had ever walked, we reached our campsite and took a well-deserved rest, considering that we had hiked the longest single-day mileage of any Outing Club trip with only a long break for lunch and at the respectable pace of two miles an hour.

Following a night during which everyone slept well, the hardy hikers were refreshed enough to play a brief game of football before walking five more miles, which seemed simple compared to the previous day's effort. The adamantine ambles were not aware of the physical effects the hike had had on them until they were greeted by the stares of the Sunday afternoon customers when they walked into the same McDonald's where they had eaten Friday night and were asked the question, "Are y'all workin' construction somewhere?" Despite such disbelief at our rather unkempt appearance by some and the slight discomfort on the trail, the trip was summed up by Bruce Francis when he said, "Wow, it was a party."

"Wow—

it was a party!"

—Bruce Francis

Metro third graders as we left Nashville and Glenn Dukes' melodious rendition of the Judas Priest song, "Hot Rockin'." We dined in the metropolis of Newport, Tennessee, before following the trail of I-40 through

the guitar-based days of *Rush* and *Fly By Night*; in fact, every song on the album depended on synthesizers in one way or another. The album itself, described as "a study of the ways in which humans react and relate with one another," worked as a unit, thus making itself the final link between the 112-type concept of the songs depending on each other and the *Permanent Waves* concept of the songs working alone; the songs on *Signals* worked alone and as a unit together.

Thus ends the history of *Rush* so far. Their evolution from the guitar-based sound to the synthesizer-based one has been just slow enough not to alienate fans, yet just fast enough to escape becoming a rock dinosaur. It's clear that, as *Rush* moves into the '80s, their tradition of evolution and change will continue to hold the interest of a fluctuating audience.

## Corn Planting in America: A Way of Life

By Bud Knight, Russell Coleman, and Bill Treanor

"The Indians did it, the pilgrims did it, the farmers did it, now we're doing it . . . planting corn."

The darkness pressed around me like the smell of wet leaves—horrible but somehow alluring—and drew me deeper into the forest. My every step thundered in my ears and made me fear I would be heard and attacked by some wandering nightmare or deranged

grandmother. But still I pressed onward into the darkness. Then, there it was: a golden ear of corn in white light radiating eternal abundance. Suddenly, every tree, plant, and animal of the forest screamed that awful scream I'd heard so many times before.

I hit the alarm clock. It was morning and I was awake staring into soggy corn flakes. Was it only a dream—I think not. I searched my house for a morsel of corn, fresh, canned, frozen, but all for naught. Then the realization overtook me. I had to find an answer. I tentatively began to question all the great minds. Dick Brown, an honest, hard-working American who once said: "I don't drive to school, I carry my lunch!" told me "I think of corn when I look at the cloudy sky on a sunny day." The Apollonian figure of Kyle Knight parted the mist between him and me and stated, "I look upon the uniformity of the houses in a subdivision, and see . . . a cornfield." The young philosopher Sniglet Bondle speculated: "If you want to plant corn, plant corn. It's fine. It's fun. Butter makes it better and you can eat it too." The honorable Sam Chang ecstatically added "Popcorn is popcorn, but I think it's dif-

ferent. It should be cornpop." Ran the Man, wandering hard and minstrel, mystically spouted, "I look into fields, and if there is corn, I think of corn. If there is no corn, I think of the absence of corn. The land and the people and the country. Corn defines fields, it defines Iowa and in that sense defines America." But all the words were mere speculation; they had no concrete basis, no real meaning. I realized to find truth I had to go to the source, the essence and backbone of America—the American farmer.

He spat as he talked and drew himself up in all his manly dignity and integrity; his pride overflowed: this was his finest hour. At long last the American farmer had a chance to stand before all the world and proudly declare:

"Basically, what you're looking at in an ear of corn is hundreds of juicy little kernels just waitin' to be consumed."

That was it. This one humble statement answered my every question. I came back to the city spiritually enhanced and enlarged. I could only look on the average man in disdain as he went about his daily life . . . corn.

By Ben Vance

After the success of *All The World's A Stage*, the group then released *Archives*, a compilation of the first three albums, in an attempt to allow fans who had just discovered the group in the wake of their new-found popularity to own the early material at a reasonable price. It did as well as any compilation could be expected to do, with mediocre sales success.

The next studio album to be released was a major step forward in the *Rush* sound and philosophy. *A Farewell To Kings*, released just after *Archives* in 1978, was another advance in terms of a transition toward further synthesizer and keyboard use. It was not a chart-topping bonanza of an album, but it did yield several popular songs, including "Closer to the Heart" and "Cygnus X-1," the latter of which began one of *Rush*'s patented storylines. It concerned a voyage into a black hole and bore the legend "To be continued . . ."

It was continued on the 1979 release, *Hemispheres*, which in itself was a concept album of a type. *Hemispheres* introduced a new type of album for *Rush*—instead of telling a story, like 2112 all the songs had a concurrent "theme." All their succeeding albums would follow this trend. The album itself was rather successful, and had the still-popular instrumental "La Villa Strangiato."

The hard-touring band's first

really hugely successful album was the 1980 release, *Permanent Waves*. On that album, *Rush* tried to produce shorter, more commercially oriented songs, and the formula worked. The album was a good seller and the single, "The Spirit of Radio," broke into the Top 10, a first for the band. Other songs that still endure from *Permanent Waves* include "Freewill" and "Jacob's Ladder," a concert favorite. The World Tour in support of the album was *Rush*'s first truly successful tour as well.

The 1981 follow-up, *Moving Pictures*, was almost as successful as *Permanent Waves* was. Again, *Rush* assaulted the charts with the still-popular hit "Tom Sawyer," a song that still remains the top *Rush* song among radio programmers. The synthesizer was truly moving into its own here: "Tom Sawyer" was almost based on keyboards, with guitar secondary; their transition to techno-pop was almost complete. Other cuts that proved notable included "Limelight," "YYZ," an instrumental named for the airport designation of Toronto, and "Red Barchetta," which survived zero airplay to become a sort of an underground classic.

Rock writers will record that 1982 was the year of *Rush*. With the summer release of *Signals*, their newest album, and the Top 5 success of the single, "New World Man," it was clear who the top Canadian band in the US was. *Signals* was also the final blow the

ever, interest in the club has waned. This year, the team would like to participate in tournaments in Crossville, Murfreesboro, Huntsville, Atlanta, and perhaps

Philadelphia. MBA has also been challenged to play matches with McGavock and University School. The club plans to have an intramural tournament for students and faculty.

These ambitious plans cannot come about, however, without more participation by the student body. The team needs new members in order to be eligible for scholastic competition. I urge anyone interested to attend the regular club meetings every Tuesday and Thursday, eighth period, in C2.

Oh, about the cheerleaders—I was just kidding.

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Fall on the Hill.

## MBA vs. TSSAA

(Continued from page 1)

TSSAA hopes to bring more parity to high school athletics. The organization believes that the "10/10 Rule" gave private schools an unfair advantage by granting them the power to draw good athletes away from public schools, thus strengthening their teams and weakening those of the public system.

The court case would certainly be an interesting clash of interests, but recent movements in TSSAA policy making point towards a new ruling which could change matters significantly. This proposal, to be voted on some time in November, would extend the earlier ruling to include all scholarships, even academic. Such a proposal would create a unique problem for MBA, since we are required by our founding charter to give a certain amount of scholarships each year. Although both Mr. Bondurant and Mr. Drake want to remain in the TSSAA, the demands of the charter would probably have to take precedence and force MBA to withdraw from the organization. The effects of such a withdrawal

The last issue of the Bell Ringer included an article presenting two MBA students' differing opinions on the United States' involvement in Lebanon. With this issue, the Bell Ringer continues to pursue world issues that are important to MBA students by featuring an article based on two insiders' views of the situation in Lebanon. When two guests from Israel, Larry Rifkin and Aaron Walzman, presented an assembly program November 3 on Israel's view of the war in Lebanon, the Bell Ringer asked the journalists to grant them a few minutes after the program to discuss their inside view of the validity of the US's involvement in Lebanon.

After a particularly edifying assembly program in which several fallacies of the US's policy were brought forth, the first question on our minds was whether or not the US should stay in Lebanon. Is the Lebanon situation an example of Theodore Roosevelt's "big stick" diplomacy, with President Reagan flexing his arm to show that, yes, the US is going to keep

would be many. First, the need for Jackson and Inman's case would be eliminated since MBA would no longer be bound by TSSAA regulations. A more negative result of an MBA withdrawal would be that it would force MBA (and other private schools who had similarly left the TSSAA) to form a private school league in order to continue participating in organized athletics. In such a league, MBA would have an extremely tough time filling its athletic calendar because not all of the private schools would be forced out of the TSSAA, leaving only a handful of schools in the state for MBA to compete against. Furthermore, MBA would not be able to play against schools from Georgia or Kentucky because those states' athletic associations, like the TSSAA, belong to the National Federation of State Associations which has a rule saying that no NFSA school is allowed to compete with a non-NFSA school. The nearest out-of-state competition would have to come from Virginia, North Carolina, or Texas, where some schools are not part of the NFSA.

the Mideast safe for democracy? The journalists replied that if that is the case then the US perhaps ought to re-define its objectives in Lebanon. The journalists, who have been covering Lebanon for quite a while, feel that if the US Marines pulled out of Lebanon, the chance of the Syrians, who are Russian allies, filling that vacancy would be quite slim. Israel simply would not let Syria take over Lebanon, the journalists believe, because Israel wants a "buffer zone" between their home land and Syria.

As to what changes should be made in US policy in Lebanon, Mr. Rifkin said that the US peacekeepers should re-deploy in Lebanon with a stronger defense. Referring to the October 23 bomb blast that killed many US Marines stationed in Beirut, the journalist said that the number one priority of the US peacekeeping forces should be to protect themselves first and then work on keeping peace, because with the position they are in presently, they are "sitting ducks." Mr. Rifkin added that it was only a matter of time before such a bombing took place; it is quite obvious to him that the US forces have a very negative image in that area.

The journalists believe that if the US would try to understand the problems within Lebanon, they might have better success in Lebanon. One example of the US's lack of understanding that Mr. Rifkin cited concerned the US's methods of trying to keep peace. Instead of remaining in their isolated position at the Beirut airport, the US Marines should set up defenses between the many opposing factions in the area. In this way the Marines could keep down the skirmishes between the different factions. Although most of these factions have nationalistic impulses for a united Lebanon, each group believes that they should run the country, and are willing to fight for their cause.

One major stumbling block for the US that Mr. Rifkin stated is its policy of not wanting to show prenational bias. He said that while this policy may keep the US's Arab allies more friendly to the US, it may have cost the US many lives. Mr. Rifkin pointed out that Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger refused Israel's offer of their hospitals that are only thirty minutes away from the Beirut air-

port for the US Marines who were wounded in the bomb blast. Instead the US flew their wounded soldiers to Germany and other places that were hours away from Beirut—a measure which may have cost the lives of many soldiers. Mr. Rifkin stated that the US should have followed Israel's position that "politics should never take a back seat to lives" in dealing with the wounded Marines.

With respect to the US invasion of Grenada, Mr. Rifkin was quick to point out that there was no significant parallel between the two US shows of force except the common theme of protecting the US's strategic interests abroad. Mr. Rifkin did bring out an interesting parallel between the US action in Grenada and Israel's invasion of Lebanon not too long ago. Both interventions were pre-emptive in nature, designed to drive out an enemy before it caused trouble. The US's target was Soviet and Cuban military advisors who could spread terrorism and revolution in Grenada's neighborhood; Israel's was PLO militants who, unrestricted by the weak Lebanese government, could launch attacks on Israeli civilians. Both strikes also helped to create a buffer zone of some sort. The Israelis moved their military positions to within twenty-five miles of the Syrian capital Damascus, just as the US strengthened democracy in the Caribbean, guarding against future Soviet expansion in the US's "back yard."

One of the most crucial issues on the minds of those who follow events in Lebanon is the reconciliation talks and the future of Lebanon in general. Mr. Rifkin noted two possibilities for returning stability to the area: (1) designing a system for national unity, and (2) partitioning the country among the rival factions. Each solution has its advantages and disadvantages. The first choice would be more favorable to Israel because a strong Lebanese central government could restrain PLO elements more effectively.

The main stumbling block of national unity is the extreme factionalism that exists in Lebanon and the Middle East. In his speech for assembly, Mr. Rifkin told a story about a tortoise and a scorpion. The story hints at the rivalries of the Middle East: the tortoise offers to give a ride across the River Jordan to the scorpion,

who cannot swim. To allay the fears of the tortoise, the scorpion reasons that he would be insane to sting the tortoise on the way across because he would go down with the ship. Half-way across the river the scorpion stings the tortoise. As the two slowly sink, the tortoise asks the scorpion why he committed suicide in this way. The scorpion replied "I don't know! This is the Middle East!"

To the factions in Lebanon vengeance is a way of life. Each group feels that it should rightfully control Lebanon. Many cite religious history to support their claims. It is because of this code of vengeance that a national unification may never be possible and a partition may have to be the route taken by negotiators.

Overall, the two men provided a unique and interesting angle on the problems in Lebanon and in the Middle East in general. Their insiders' view created a fresh perspective on the news we read in the local papers and magazines.

Because of his position as a military journalist, Mr. Rifkin also had some timely comments on war journalism and war censorship. Referring to the press black-out in Grenada, Mr. Rifkin expressed concern at such blatant censorship. The safety risks in Grenada are no higher than in Lebanon and Central America, and yet the press is able to roam freely in the latter two areas. In addition, it should be the journalist's prerogative to submit himself to a dangerous situation if he so desires.

Total freedom of the press, however, can be just as damaging according to Mr. Rifkin. In the age of live journalism, enemies could easily pick up vital information from TV, radio, or newspapers. For example, if a general was being interviewed live, enemies could be watching the interview and might notice a landmark which would allow them instantly to pinpoint the general's position and move there.

To avoid such situations and still preserve freedom of the press and adequate reporting, Mr. Rifkin suggested the following plan: Let journalists go into a conflict situation with the front line of offense or defense. Then let the military censor the reports to make sure no classified information is released. Finally, let the situation settle for a while before actually releasing the information to the public.

## Artists Three Exhibit Shown

By Grey Petznick

On Sunday, October 23, 1983, Montgomery Bell Academy's first art show of the year entitled "Artists Three" opened in the Patrick Wilson Library. The three featured artists are Anne Muller, Robert Fletcher, and Bet Ramsey. The show presents a diverse range of mediums, styles, forms, and techniques. Anne Muller, a native of Nashville, lives in New York with her husband and four daughters. She began painting portraits of her own children ten years ago and then started to paint professionally.

Her watercolor portraits represent a limited working scope in which she captures the subjects' specific individual characteristics creatively. In order to accomplish this objective, she interviews,

sketches, and photographs the subject for the best representation, with an accuracy that is reflected in her portraits.

Robert Fletcher is an art teacher at East High School. His sculpture has received critical acclaim and has won many honors including the Century III purchase award in Nashville. As a sculptor of wood and marble, his works not only reflect his creativity but also show the beauty of the wood/marble. Fletcher tries to achieve a unique quality in each of his works and not a textbook reproduction of qualities in himself or in nature. Mr. Fletcher sees the qualities in his sculpture "...to be relationships pleasing to the sight and touch." He feels that most people do not seem to interpret these qualities in the same way as he

does. He feels that it is the viewer's job to make the effort to understand each work's unique relationships.

Bet Ramsey is a renowned fabrique artist. She has had 34 one-woman shows including one in the Shakespeare Library in Washington and another in the New York Public Library Little Gallery. She has crafted many interesting graphic art quilts; one of her most interesting quilts is "A Quilt for Henri Matisse" which reflects her own interpretation of the artist Henri Matisse's styles in its similar colors and style. This art show, which ended Friday, November 11, was a truly rewarding experience for everyone who was fortunate enough to see it. The next exhibit will be the student art show next month.



"Artists Three" art exhibit in MBA's Patrick Wilson Library.



## Mr. T Guides Debate Team

By Sam Chang

The debate team opened its season by attending the William Faulkner Classic held on the campus of Ole Miss University. The early opening date of September 23 showed the preparation and organization of this year's team. The keen readiness was seen easily at Ole Miss. The squad had a strong showing, gaining five of the seven speaker awards in the varsity division. Tommy Outlaw and Sam Chang led the way by placing third. Three other teams made it to the elimination rounds: Griffin Vincent/Merritt Seshul, Robert Harris/Madison Laird, and Doug Johnson/Paul Kahlon. The novice team of Rob Page and Chris Ptoemey garnered first place honors in the large and very competitive novice division. These two new members of the forensic squad also took the top two speaker awards in the novice division. The Ole Miss tourney was fruitful for the individual events participants from MBA. Scott Carey took first place honors in Original Oratory receiving first place ranks from the three judges in the final round. MBA's extemporaneous speaker, Steve Westermann, missed placing by one speaker rank, a very small margin. The biggest honor went to our new coach, Billy Tate, who was awarded the Faulkner Fellowship Award. This prestigious honor recognizes Mr. Tate's accomplishments for the past decade in the areas of debate and individual events.

The next tournament on MBA's busy schedule was Grissom, the first true test for the debate squad. The team again did well by sweeping the debate sweepstakes as well as the overall tournament sweepstakes. These awards recognize MBA as the best squad overall. The debaters dominated all three divisions—Varsity, Open, and Novice. The negative novice team of Rob Page/Steve Westermann took 3rd place. The affirmative team of John Joe/Chris Ptoemey placed 2nd. Rob Page again won a speaker

award; this time it was a third place honor. In the highly competitive open division, Warren Sprouse and Niku Wasudev from Jonathon Springer and Willie Lin. Sprouse received the third place speaker award. The new varsity team of Griffin Vincent/Robert Harris reached semis. Sam Chang and Tommy Outlaw reached quarters. Sam Chang won the first place speaker award. Overall, MBA's domination of the South was clearly shown.

The St. Marks School of Dallas, Texas, was the next stop for the debaters. Tommy and Sam reached the quarterfinals, losing on a 2-1 decision. The finish was quite good considering the size (112 teams) and competition of this Texas tournament. MBA excelled most in the area of spaker distinctions. Griffin Vincent was the outstanding speaker of the tournament while Sam Chang was named the third place speaker.

On the weekend of the Spaghetti Supper, four hardy master debaters travelled to the Buckeye State of Ohio sporting their new debate attire. They sacrificed going to the supper as well as the Homecoming Dance, but the sacrifice was not too severe since the teams did quite well at this tournament of sixty teams. The tournament was the Buckeye Invitational held at Ohio State University. The two varsity teams were Vincent/Laird and Harris/Wasudev. For the second straight year, MBA took first place with Griffin and Madison winning on a 3-0 in the final round. Niku and Robert also did quite well achieving the quarter final round. MBA took four speaker awards, dominating the tournament on all levels. On the same weekend, Rob Page as well as four other novice debaters travelled to Harrison-Chilhowee. Rob was third place JV debator.

The second major Southern tournament rolled around on the third weekend of October. This tournament, of course, was Mars Hill. The

whole team travelled to Florence, Alabama to face the cream of the Southern crop, as well as a team from Michigan. In the varsity division, the newly formed team again did well. Madison and Griffin again excelled as did Tommy and Sam. The latter reached quarters while Madison and Griffin got to the semi-finals, losing there to Pace Academy. Sam received the third place speaker award. Warren Sprouse and Niku Wasudev dominated in the open division with the only undefeated record of 4-0. Warren tied for first place speaker. The novices stunned all with their incredible performance. Page and Westermann, the negative team, and Joe and Ptoemey, the affirmative team were the only teams in this division with undefeated records. Senior Westermann was named the top speaker among the novices. Rob Page followed him with second place award. This tournament brought an honor to the MBA team that has never been earned by an MBA squad in the past: the Individual Events Sweepstakes Award. Scott Carey's first in original oratory and Tony "Ralph Falowski" Rafalowski's second in extemp were the key achievements. MBA took the Overall Sweepstakes Award as well as the Debate Sweepstakes Award.

The first local tournament occurred Halloween weekend at Madison High School. Out of the 24 teams participating, MBA took three teams. Those three teams took first, second, and third. The teams were Harris/Laird (1st), Sprouse/Johnson (2nd), and Chang/Vincent (3rd). Ralph O. Lowski finished first in Lincoln-Douglas. Scott Carey took 2nd in Oratory.

In the future, the schedule looks as tough as the early tournaments. We shall once again catch the wave and surf down to Homewood, Pinecrest and other Southern tournaments. The future also brings the tournaments in Chicago and Princeton. But do not worry, the MBA success will continue.

## Sophomores Play in Babe Ruth Nationals

By Chip Fridrich

MBA sophomores Dave Malone, Talbot Masten, Robbie McNair, and Chip Fridrich picked up right where they left off in May with a successful '83 Big Red campaign as they teamed up along with ten

others to form the Nashville Nationals, an all-star team from Bellevue. The team easily won the State Championship in Tullahoma, TN as they defeated teams from Marshall Co., Erwin, and Tullahoma (twice). Then they proceeded to the regionals, in Huntsville, Ala. where they fought their

way through the loser's bracket. After defeating Florida and losing to East North Carolina, the team beat Virginia and North Alabama and whipped West North Carolina, East North Carolina, and South Carolina (twice) all in a course of twenty-four hours. Masten was solid—at catcher and McNair pitched and played third base exceptionally. Malone started at second every other game, and Fridrich blasted a home run and mopped up a win against Virginia. Now, with the Southern Championship theirs, they moved to Frederick, Maryland for the World Championship. Slipping by Brooklyn, New York 4-3 and New Orleans, LA 5-0. The Nationals finally met their match when Culver City, California dumbofounded them 5-0 and sent them into the loser's bracket. However, the best was yet to come as the Nationals came from 8-0 deficit in the first inning to rally and beat the host team 12-11 in front of 8,500 wild fans. McNair caught Fridrich who came in in the first to earn the win. A fat and flat team after the wild win, the fat lady finally sang the next day as Culver City trampled them 16-11.



Babe Ruth baseballers Robbie McNair, Chip Fridrich, Talbot Masten, and Dave Malone.



## Unreal Places

By Jeff Dukes and Bill Crook

On a disappointing note for those who like to live life in the fast lane, Fair Park is closed until next spring and Elvis-A-Rama is on the verge of financial collapse (why??).

However the staff here at the corner is not about to let these losses to the Nashville cultural scene leave you, the students, without a plethora of cultural activities in which to indulge yourself over the winter.

Although the fairgrounds may seem dead now that Fair Park is closed, this illusion can be shattered on any Saturday night when many of Nashville's finest come to view the Herculean struggle of bravery and strength that is known as professional wrestling. Should any of you seize the opportunity to attend, you will definitely not be disappointed. In addition to being able to see first hand such stars as Bill Dundee, the Executioner, and last but not least Mr. Sweet Brown Sugar, you will have the privilege of sitting among some of

Nashville's most enthusiastic sport fans. In fact, being among these people will make you feel as if you yourself were in the ring. So, take our advice, professional wrestling is an experience not to be missed!

Another action-packed activity that should prove to be a thoroughly enjoyable experience is the laser-vision show at the Cumberland Museum, a coupling of ultra-modern laser technology with great music. And great music it is, with such featured power rockers as Styx, Joan Jett, Judas Priest, Iron Maiden and of course Mr. Osbourne! We think you'll agree that as one man in the audience revealed by persistently shouting, "Crank it up!", this combination cannot be beat!

Other things to do and places to visit over the winter:

Watch a stock car race at the Nashville Raceway; see a South Stars hockey game; watch the John Waters classic film, "Polyester," now showing at Cinema South.

Coming next issue: a sample of Nashville's culinary delights.

## Class News

### Seniors

As autumn falls, the senior class realizes that they ARE seniors, and they take no (well I think you know what we're trying to say) from nobody, so don't try anything funny... Tirrell stays up all night "cramming" for SAT's... Hassel lets his thoughts flow in Sewanee courtyard... How many of you know "The Great Gatsby"?... Mark "Multiple Pals" Pollack poses as Garth "Billy Kilmer" Falls in "DDD II"... What? We were in a bowl game? Where? Pulaski? Like I said, where?... Ballenger just didn't make it to Homecoming... Team Israel impressive in Debut... J. O'Neil eats his pizza and leaves a tip... Guzi tries to break out of OA club but fails while Nowell wavers close to the edge... Davidson, maybe you just ought to leave anyway... Until next time, don't take any wooden nickels.

### Juniors

By Robin Henderson

As the year progresses, the news gets more boring in the junior class... Stimulating party—thanks Trey and Sap... Briley and Davies have enlightening experience in Memphis—"Freeze Freak"... Party at Kort's

house—Where were you Kort?... John has great time with Gwynn—nice date Henderson... Payne goes after Vand women—how'd he meet that student with a badge?... Junior class pretty much doing the same old thing... Yours in lackluster journalism, Lewis P. Weeya an John "Boy" Walton. Nice class news, Henderson!

### Freshmen

By Parker Lilly and Brennan Martin

The freshman class recently held class elections. From a ballot of some twenty-plus candidates, the winners are: President, Wil "Hotlips" Meyer; Vice-President Charles "Shorty" Mays; Secretary Todd "No Nickname" Cassette and Treasurer, Layng "Wha Money" Martine. The freshman Honor Council representatives are Travis Jackson and John Thompson. During this time of great rejoicing over freshman dominance demonstrated by the heroics of Andy Davis on the cross country team, the freshman football team mourns the broken arm of wingback Steven Hooper.

Congratulations Steve!

Hallelujah, Bill!





Varsity golfer French McKnight displays good form on the course.

## Varsity Golf Team Ends Season in Frustration

By Marvin Morris

**Frustration.** If one word could sum up the fall season for the MBA golf team it would most definitely be frustration. The season's frustration began with the change of the TSSAA golf season to the fall. MBA golfers annually "blow off" the fall because they had been playing all summer long. However, with the change, the Big Red had to continue playing day in and day out. Being mentally taxed, the MBA linksters weren't their usual sharp selves, on or off the course.

MBA once again completely dominated mid-state golf, meandering through the year with not even a hint of defeat. Although they completed a 19-0 record, the Big Red's frustration was prevalent throughout the season. The lack of satisfaction was present because not a member of the team was playing up to his potential. The only two golfers playing decently were ironically the two youngest members of the squad, John Teas and Michael Shears, both in the 8th grade. These youngsters were sup-

posed to be the weak spot in the team but provided steady play in the 4th spot all year long. Shears averaged 82.5 for 18-hole matches while Teas averaged 80.6 per match.

Somewhat steady play was also turned in this year by sophomore Pat Parker. He had good rounds in matches against NCS and Hillsboro carding 37 and 36 respectively. He provided the Big Red with a steady 3rd man averaging 78.4 per 18-hole match.

Seniors Marvin Morris and French McKnight were probably the epitome of the team's frustration this year. Both had some good rounds through the season but the consistency was not present. McKnight had a four-birdie round of 36 in the Cougar Classic and good rounds against district opponents Lipscomb and Hillwood. Morris' season was highlighted by a five-birdie round of 74 at Temple Hills, a 74 at NGAC and a two-under par 34 in district competition against Hillwood.

The emotional letdown of the MBA season was not yet in gear. Coming into the fall of '83 MBA

What looked like a rebuilding year for this year's varsity cross country team came one of the most successful seasons of any team in the history of the school. The season began with a strong victory over Father Ryan, University School, and Nashville Christian on September 13. From that date until October 11, the Big Red runners managed to destroy Overton, Hillwood, Franklin, Franklin Road Academy, Hillsboro, Clarksville Northwest, Dickson County, and Antioch to claim the II-AAA Western Division Championship and as undefeated overall dual meet record of 11-0.

With an 8th place finish in the Antioch Invitational and a 5th place finish in the A.F. Bridges Invitational, the Big Red runners were quick to establish MBA as a prominent cross-country powerhouse in the state. The team bettered its impressive record by placing 2nd in the David Lipscomb Invitational. Rob Alley (20th), Elliott Sloan (13th), and David Wood (12th) with a time of 16:47

had not lost the district tournament in 5 years. The Big Red had its usual confidence going into the district and after a rain delay halted play after 16 holes, had a 4-stroke lead. The Big Red was again not playing up to its potential and the 2nd place team, Hillwood, was playing as good as possible, so the lead seemed fairly comfortable. However, the squad returned the next day to complete the round and played probably the poorest golf Coach Fairbairn has ever seen. The team combined to play the remaining holes 6-over par and lost the team title to Hillwood. Once again 8th grader John Teas played well, shooting 79, but the rest of the team did not share in his good fortune. French McKnight shot 80, Pat Parker, a 77, and Marvin Morris a 75, placing him 2nd individually.

The epitome of the seeming futility of the Big Red season was the regional tournament. MBA entered with the hope of avenging its district loss to Hillwood. However, it was not Hillwood that thwarted the Big Red's attempt at wiping out the frustration by winning the region. McGavock cut an incredible 52 strokes off their district total and surprisingly defeated MBA. Michael Shears played very consistently for MBA and totaled an 81. French McKnight came through with an impressive back-nine of 2-under par 34 and tied for 3rd individually at 76. Some inconsistency came this time from the two members of last year's state runner-up squad. Marvin Morris and Pat Parker carded 77 and 84 respectively to make up the Big Red's total of 318, 10 strokes behind winner McGavock.

So, the Big Red's season ended with a 2nd place finish in the region. This is certainly respectable but with the talent on the 1983-4 MBA golf team it was a fall ending in one thing: frustration.

## Cross Country Undefeated

By David Wood

led our boys.

On October 20, MBA won the NIL Championship Meet defeating the second place finishers (Stratford) by 38 points. Top performers for MBA included Kyle Knight (29th), Walter Smithwick (28th), Ran Van Riper (23rd), Rob Alley (11th), David Wood (7th), and Elliott Sloan (5th) with a time of 16:12.

After the impressive NIL victory, the team's next challenge was the Region V Championship held on October 29 at the Steeplechase Course. Once again, the team displayed its firm command of leadership throughout the mid-state area by winning the meet by 18 points, ahead of second place Stratford. Pacing the Big Red attack were runners Knight (33rd), Coleman (29th) Smithwick (23rd), Van Riper (22nd), Alley (10th), Sloan (5th), and Wood (3rd) with

an awesome time of 15:58.

Because of the Regional victory, the team once again qualified for the State Meet to be held on November 5 at the Steeplechase course. The team had high hopes for placing somewhere within the top six teams in the state. It seemed so easy to do... perhaps too easy. Once again the choke collar caught the Big Red by surprise and MBA placed a rather dismal 12th place among the top competition. The loss left a bitter taste in the mouths of the seniors who had led the team throughout the season.

Despite this one disappointment, the team had another fine season. MBA placed 3 individuals on the All-NIL squad for 1983. Rob Alley (10th), Elliott Sloan (7th), and David Wood (5th). Walter Smithwick took Honorable Mention honors. As for what the future holds for next year's team... Better luck...

## Wrestling Preview

By Steve Saperstein

Practice will open in early November. Nothing is critical until the end of the season when the first post season tournament (district) rolls around. The wrestlers hope to win the district for the 4th time in a row, and Mr.

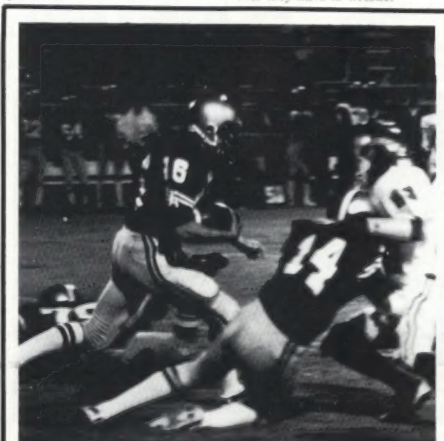
This year's varsity wrestling team looks toward what can be considered a rebuilding year. Six of last year's starters, including state champion Kent Rollins and runner-up John Dale, graduated. To be as good as last year's team, which earned 3rd in the state, will be a task. However, head coach Mr. Williams believes this year's group of wrestlers can be as good as last year's. The team is junior-dominated with many talented sophomores. Returning starters are Steven Rollins, Parish Lentz, Brad Blevins, Walter Smithwick, John Robbins, and defending state champion Scott Garfinkel. If everyone works hard and if many of the wrestlers are able to compete on a state level, Coach Williams thinks this will be a good foundation for the wrestlers to bring MBA its first state championship next year.

Williams thinks that this year's squad has a shot at winning MBA's first regional championship.

There is a minor complication: the wrestlers don't have a place to practice. During the pre-season, practice will be held at Ensworth. After that, the team will be wandering from place to place. The new gym should be ready for use by January.

The grapplers ought to know how good they are by the end of the season. The team will have to tone down during exams for the last week following the Hillwood tournament, which is very competitive with matches against Ryan, Overton, Ft. Campbell, Ky., Baylor and Bradley county. The local teams to beat are always powerful Overton and Ryan. Statewide, defending state champion East Ridge is the top competition. They won the championship last year with many juniors.

This season's opener is not against traditional Hillwood. Rather, the squad will travel to Memphis to compete in the Bishop Byrne tournament with many perennial powers (December 2 and 3). The first few dual matches are not definite yet, but the Big Red will be working hard for whom ever they have to wrestle.



Steve Rollins weaves through defenders in varsity football action.

## Asbestos Found at MBA

By Ronnie Po

Two recently conducted tests—one last spring and one during the summer—have revealed samples of asbestos in several places on the MBA campus.

Earlier this year, the presence of asbestos caused the closing of several county schools. Luckily, most of MBA's buildings were built before asbestos was used.

Asbestos has, however, been found around the pipes in the gym, in the boiler room of Wallace Hall, and on the ceilings of Wallace Hall, the library, and the basement

of the Ball Building.

Mr. Bondurant, who recently met with an expert to determine the best ways to remove or encapsulate any potentially harmful material, has said that asbestos is presently no threat to anyone at MBA. "Most of it is covered, and isn't dangerous unless someone penetrates it or causes it to flake," says Bondurant.

Thus, there is no reason to believe we have a chance of inhaling asbestos (although pencils have been known to penetrate ceilings). Says Bondurant, "We just want to get rid of it."

All removal and/or encapsulation of asbestos will be done during breaks or holidays.



## Varsity Basketball Hopeful

By Alan Jackson

As he prepares for his second season as head coach, Mark Elliott has spent a great deal of time analyzing and re-analyzing last year's accomplishments in hopes of achieving even more success for this year's team. In compiling a 9-18 overall record last year, Coach Elliott showed the value of hard work and determination in establishing a successful program. Although they finished last in the district, last year's version of the Big Red proved that they were worthy of competing with such perennial powers as Glencliff, Ryan, and Pearl. Highlights of last year included a 35-point trouncing of Ezell-Harding in the opening game, a 17-point victory at Brentwood Academy, and a hard-fought, 1-point loss to Pearl in the opening round of the district tourney — a game which was determined by a very questionable call. When asked about his evaluation of last year's performance, Coach Elliott said "We accomplished about what I expected in my first year."

Both Coach Elliott and Coach Bostick are approaching the upcoming season with a great deal of enthusiasm. Offensively, the Big Red will present basically the same look. More time will be spent on stressing the fundamentals, especially good shooting form; and a great deal of work will be done on developing a sound, well-controlled fast break. Defensively, look for the Big Red to change defenses more often and utilize some type of press more frequently. Blessed with a good deal of quickness in the backcourt with senior guards John Morrissey and Davidson French, MBA should present a challenge to opposing ball-handlers. This year's practices will stress repetition of fundamentals and include daily sessions of classroom instruction prior to the Big Red's taking the court. When asked about his aspirations for this year's team, Coach Elliott answered without hesitation: "A .600 record and a berth in the regional tournament." A bit optimistic, perhaps? Not really, but several factors which will adversely affect this year's squad must be considered.

With the departure of four key

members of last year's team to graduation, underclassmen with no varsity experience will be forced into vital roles early. Look for junior Mike Pirrie and sophomore Jay Schmitt to adjust well and contribute significantly to this year's team. Unlike last year, almost all of this year's team plays football which will mean only a couple of weeks of preparation prior to the November 25 opener against Sullivan North, a large comprehen-

sive high school which will provide a stiff challenge for the Big Red. The senior leadership of Morrissey, French, and star-center Matt Drury will be worked upon heavily as the team is expected to struggle early because of a tough schedule and the time needed to work out the "kinks" which plagued last year's team. Coach Elliott hopes to have all of the problems worked out by Christmas break in time for the entry into district play.

## Frosh Football Disappointing

By Robby Bueno

The freshman football team finished the 1983 season with a disappointing 2-5 record. In each loss, the freshmen had opportunities to win, but mistakes made at crucial points in the game prevented the frosh from victory. Although the defense played well all year, it was the offense's inability to score deep within enemy territory that proved to be the difference in the close games. The defense is worthy of recognition, for it allowed only three points in the last four games. Considered by both the coaches and the players as the team leaders were RB/LB Will Meyer and OT/DT Temp Sullivan.

The freshmen opened their season with a loss to Hillsboro 20-6. Too many mistakes by the frosh determined the game's outcome. Meyer scored the lone MBA touchdown. Against Overton, the freshman lead with 2 minutes left to play 6-0, but a series of bad mistakes allowed Overton to score twice quickly and go on to win 14-6. Jay Stroman connected with Peter Paris for the MBA's only score. The frosh lost their next game to Apollo 20-6 with Stroman passing to Paris once again for the touchdown. The team bounced back from its three losses by soundly defeating Hillwood 20-0. The defense came together and played well, recording their first shutout of the season. FB Clay Trabue scored twice for MBA, while Stroman passed to Paris for the other touchdown. The freshmen proceeded with their winning ways by recording an impressive victory over a talented Maplewood team 12-0. Johnny Thompson ran for one TD while Stroman passed to

Paris for their fourth touchdown of the season. The defense recorded its second shutout, and the freshmen improved their record to 2-3. The then lost a tough game to Pearl/Cohn 6-0. The defense once again played well, but the offense was unable to score. The freshmen ended their season with a heart-breaking 3-0 loss in overtime to arch-rival Father Ryan. MBA played well both offensively and defensively, but the score was tied 0-0 at the end of regulation play. In the overtime period, MBA got the ball first but failed to score on fourth down by about one foot. The defense then held Ryan for three downs, but Ryan was able to kick a field goal on fourth down. The ball barely made it over the crossbar and MBA lost 3-0.

## Microbe Football

By Jay Riven

This year's microbe football team could be summed up into one word. Determination. After an unfortunate season of a 2-5 record, this year's team can always look back on the great wins and some of the close losses. The team had great leadership from Captains David Spickard, Emmett Russel, and Marc Smith. They also had experienced coaches, Mr. Compton, Mr. Herring, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Zenanko, and Ken Downey.

The first game was against Franklin Road Academy. The final score was 16-8, FRA. MBA's touchdown was a catch by team Captain David Spickard, from the starting quarterback Mike Morrissey. The next week the microbes beat Ezzel-Harding 21-0. Two touchdowns were passes from Morrissey, one to Spickard and one to Gilbert Smith. MBA kept the winning momentum and beat their main rival, Ensforth, with the score of 21-8. Emmett Russell scored two touchdowns that day and starting fullback Richard Speight made a great run to score the third touchdown. MBA's winning streak ended when they lost to Paige in overtime with the close score of 14-20. Marc Smith ran the ball for the first T.D. and Jay McKnight made a brilliant pass to Gilbert Smith, who scored the second T.D. The game against Northside wasn't much to help the team's confidence, either. They lost, but Rob Archer made an outstanding catch from Morrissey's pass and ran it in for the only touchdown made by MBA. Another unfortunate loss came on the day of Homecoming (for MBA). The microbes travelled to and lost to Brentwood. Their only T.D. was a powerful run by Marc Smith. Again Marc Smith scored the only touchdown for MBA in the game against winning BGA.

## Varsity Scoreboard

### Varsity Football

#### GAMES (7-3)

Springfield:	17-0	Pearl:	41-6
Overton:	0-36	Antioch:	15-21
Beech:	23-14	Hillsboro:	21-14
Hillwood:	34-0	Glencliff:	14-7
Smyrna:	35-20	Ryan:	0-17

#### STATS

	Team Total	Best Individual Season
Rushing		
Yards	1279	Rollins-530
Attempts	299	Rollins-94
Yds/Carry	4.2	Nowell-6.8 (25 min)
Yds/Game	142.1	Rollins-58.8
TD's	16	Gaw-6

#### Passing

Yds	1053	Gaw-1024
Atts	135	Gaw-128
Completions	69	Gaw-67
TD's	11	Gaw-10

#### Receiving

Catches	69	Morrissey, Drury-19
Yds	1053	Morrissey-362
TD's	11	Morrissey-5

#### FG Attempts

PAT Attempts	2-3	Muddiman-2-3
Tackles	21-22	Muddiman-21-22
	898	Black-120
Interceptions	9	Gaw-4

Compiled by David Smith

## Varsity Cross-Country

#### Meet Results (dual meet record 7-0)

Sept. 13	MBA 20, Ryan 41, NCS 89, USN 110
Sept. 17	Antioch Invitational: 8th out of 20 teams
Sept. 20	MBA 21, Hillwood 55, Overton 63
Sept. 24	A.F. Bridges: 5th out of 13 teams
Sept. 27	MBA 20, FRA 55, Franklin 59
Sept. 29	MBA 23, Clarksville NW 38
Oct. 4	MBA 23, Hillsboro 34
Oct. 6	MBA 25, Dickson County 36
Oct. 11	MBA 23, Antioch 34
Oct. 15	Lipscomb Invitational: 2nd out of 19 teams
Oct. 20	NIL Championship: 1st place
Oct. 29	Regional Championship: 1st place
Nov. 5	State Championship: 12th place

#### Individual Stats

	Best Time	Avg. Time
1. Wood, David	15:48	16:39
2. Sloan, Elliott	16:12	17:04
3. Alley, Rob	16:21	27:09
4. Smithwick, Walter	16:46	17:17
5. Coleman, Russell	16:45	17:29
6. Van Riper, Ran	16:53	17:38
7. Knight, Kyle	17:05	17:48

## Varsity Golf

#### NIL Play

Opponent	Total Points for MBA	Match Score
NCS	159	7-0
FRA	163	5-2
p-c	176	6½-½
Overton	168	7-0
Lipscomb	177	6½-½
Franklin	167	7-0
Hillsboro	156	7-0
Ryan	155	6-1
Glencliff	168	7-0
Hillwood	157	5½-1½

#### Individuals

	Best Score	Average Score
1. Morris	34	38
2. McKnight	37	39.4
3. Parker	36	39.7
4. Teas	38	40.7
5. Boyers	38	41.25
6. Shears	40	42.25
7. Gilbert	46	46
8. Brothers	43	46.5
9. Lobenius	47	47.5

—Compiled by Steve Young

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## Varsity Football Team Reaches Butterbowl

By Bill Crook and Staff

The MBA football team bounced back this year from a disappointing 2-8 mark last fall and finished the '83 regular season schedule with a 7-3 record and a berth in the Butter Bowl. The renewed Big Red success came as a surprise to many of the team's followers, but head coach Tommy Owen was not unprepared for the turnaround. Coach Owen said that because he is "basically an optimistic person", he felt from the start of the season that the team would be successful. The coach credits much of the team's improvement to a rejuvenated defense that played consistently well, giving up almost no big plays. While the defensive improvement had been anticipated, it was the success of the kicking game that proved to be an unexpected benefit to the team. On offense, Coach Owen said that MBA "had some good moments" but "didn't get to do some of the things we thought we could, particularly against Ryan and Overton". He also said that the main thing separating this year's team from last year's team was the former's "ability to pull out close, 4th quarter wins, whereas last year when it came down to the end, we usually gave in."

Overall, Coach Owen felt that the '83 team had a great attitude and put forth "outstanding effort". He said that while he is pleased with the season, he is nonetheless disappointed that the team did not win one more game, which he felt the quality of play merited.

The last 8 games went this way:

### MBA 34 Hillwood 0

MBA was unstoppable as the Big Red steamrolled past an outmanned Hillwood team at home on September 23. MBA drove 60 yards on its first possession to score. Passes from Jeff Gaw to Matt Drury and John Morrissey highlighted the drive. Harry Peffen guided over from the three on an option for the score. The score remained 7-0 until the early third quarter when Steve Rollins bullied over from the four behind the

outstanding blocks of Drury, Jimmy Moore, and Larry Hayes. On Hillwood's next possession, Hayes procured an interception. Gaw then promptly hit Morrissey with a 35 yard TD strike to make the score 21-0. Early in the fourth, Buddy Knight raced and scored from seven yards out. Davidson French completed the scoring with an electrifying 56 yard run. MBA's defensive front achieved complete superiority along the line. John Moore led the defense with 13 tackles.

### MBA 35 Smyrna 21

MBA scored on its first four possessions and then played good defense in the second half to secure a victory. Jeff Gaw started off the scoring with a four yard scamper. On the next possession, Matt Drury scurried ten yards with a pass for a 14-0 advantage. After a Smyrna touchdown, Gaw found Will Nowell for a 10 yard touchdown pass. After another Smyrna score, Nowell sprinted untouched 30 yards into the end zone for a 28-14 lead. Excellent blocks by Robbie Bueno, Parish Lentz, and Larry Hayes opened up a magnificently huge hole for Nowell. In the second half, the Big Red defense stymied Smyrna as Hayes, Robert Black, Mike Pirrie, and John Moore made several good plays. John Moore once again led in tackles with 16 for the game. The last score came on a halfback pass from Knight to Gaw. Robin Henderson performed well returning kicks also.

### MBA 41 Pearl-Cohn 6

A total team effort by MBA completely demolished Pearl-Cohn on the road. John Moore started the excitement with a pass interception. A few plays later Steve Rollins took an option and raced 12 yards for the first score. On the next possession, Gaw faded back and found Morrissey open for a 40 yard touchdown pass. Three plays later, after a Pearl fumble, David Muddiman dashed 15 yards to paydirt, making the score 21-0. After a Pearl touchdown, MBA started on its own 20 and proceeded on a long touchdown drive. The highlight of

the drive was a 40-yard bomb to Matt Drury. Gaw bullied over from the 1 for the score. Just as the first half came to an end, Muddiman slashed three yards through Pearl-Cohn's defense for another touchdown. The second half opened in similar fashion, as the Big Red drove the length of the field. The drive culminated with an excellent catch by Harry Peffen on a 15 yard touchdown pass. The defense played superbly throughout the game. Larry Hayes and John Moore put continual pressure on the passer, and Dave Malone, John Moore, Mike Pirrie each had one interception while Gaw and Henderson had two apiece. The offensive line of Hayes, Jim Moore, Lentz, Bueno, and Jay Owen took control of the game as everyone who dressed played. Will Nowell gained 190 yards rushing and Muddiman hit all his extra points.

### Antioch 21 MBA 15

MBA came up short as the ground game of Antioch punched out a victory at homecoming. Antioch struck first on a long run. But MBA countered in the second quarter with a Gaw to Morrissey pass covering 30 yards which set up a Rollins ramble of 3 yards. In the second half, Antioch scored two 3rd quarter touchdowns to build a lead. MBA was held at bay in the 3rd quarter, but struck in fourth. With Matt Drury catching 3 key passes, the Big Red advanced the length of the field. With only a few minutes remaining, Gaw hit Morrissey for an 8-yard touchdown. Gaw hit Drury for the two point conversion. MBA, however, was not able to get the ball back and lost the exciting game. Mike Pirrie led all defenders with 17 tackles while Robert Black added 15. John Moore and Parish Lentz also played well.

### MBA 14 Hillsboro 7

In a key district matchup, the Big Red triumphed over a stubborn Burro team. The first half was a defensive struggle. Larry Hayes, John Moore, Buzz Frahn, and Robert Black and plugged up the holes. MBA fell behind in the third quarter 7-0, but the team tied the score on a 23-yard pass from Gaw to Morrissey where Morrissey broke two tackles. On the next Burro possession, Paul Soper smacked Hillsboro runner Joe Stitt, making the ball pop loose, and Mike Pirrie fell on the ball. On a



Robin Henderson heads upfield against Ryan.

fourth and 10 situation, Gaw hit Morrissey for a 15-yard gain. Steve Rollins crashed 3 yards for the score. The defense held off Hillsboro to preserve the victory. Robert Black had 15 tackles as the team qualified for a bowl.

### MBA 14 Glenciff 7

In a tougher than expected game, MBA's offensive line took control in the 4th quarter as the Big Red squeaked out a victory. A 40 yard bomb from Gaw to Morrissey started the scoring. No other scoring occurred until a long Glenciff run in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, however, the awesomely aggressive offensive rampart of Owen, Bueno, Lentz, Hayes, Jim Moore, and Drury took control. Nowell and Rollins pounded the defense for yardage. With a few minutes remaining, Gaw plunged over from the 1 to gain the victory. Robert Black once again led the defense with 13 tackles and Robin Henderson and Paul Soper both had key interceptions.

### Ryan 17 MBA 0

MBA was overwhelmed by Father Ryan at Vanderbilt Stadium in the last regular season game. An inability to move offensively hurt the team. The team did have a chance to score after a 30 yard pass from Gaw to Morrissey,

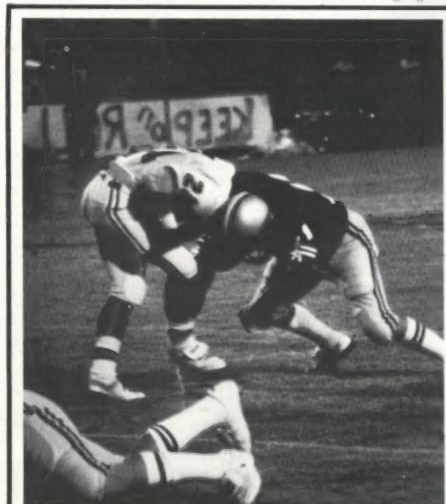
but they squandered the opportunity. John Moore played excellently on defense in the first half. Larry Hayes and Parish Lentz played well, and Robert Black led all tacklers with an incredible 17 tackles.

### Butterbowl

The first quarter yielded no score. Both teams mounted offensive drives which were neutralized by tough defense highlighted by John Moore's sacking the Tullahoma QB. Will Nowell cranked out several 5-7 yard bursts.

In the 2nd quarter the Big Red mounted an offensive drive fueled by a 15 yard Gaw-Morrissey connection. The drive was ended by a Tullahoma interception which yielded a TD for the Wildcats. As the half wound down, the Big Red threatened Tullahoma again, but a turnover nullified this opportunity.

In the 2nd half Henderson returned the Tullahoma kickoff for 40 yards. Buddy Knight then raced for 15 yards. On a crucial fourth and ten situation, Gaw found tight-end Matt Drury for an outstanding gain. The team stalled at the three, but a field goal strayed too far to the side. For the rest of the game, the team moved the ball well, but was victimized by 5 turnovers. The buzzer sounded as the score remained 7-0 Tullahoma.



Jeff Gaw smashes into an opposing ball player.

## Microbe Cross Country Undefeated

By John Downer

The microbe cross country team had a very good season throughout 1983. Six runners consistently led the Little Red to a 5-0 record going into the Championship Meet. They were Steve Zibas, David Hollyday, Lanson Hyde, Stephen Smith, Jay Binkley, and Jim Weiss. In their first four meets, the team collected victories over rival Ensworth, Brentwood Academy, BGA, and FRA. Then the team picked up a very impressive victory at Northside. They defeated Northside for the first time in six years, and their chance for the championship looked very good. With their 5-0 record, the microbes entered the Championship Meet on October 21, 1983. Surprisingly, the cham-

pionship did not fall in their hands as the microbes finished a very disappointing 3rd place behind Northside and Ensworth.

With the returning of Lanson Hyde, Jay Binkley, and Jim Weiss, the microbes ought to have much depth and talent in 1984.

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